Sl. No.	*Name of the proposed Post Office*	*District*
15.	Namphing	South District
16.	Kateng Bokrang	Sourth District
17.	Byang	East District
18.	Men–Rungonj	North District
19.	Ship–Ger	North District
20.	Juranpur	Murshidabad

New Telephone Exchange in West Bengal

3228. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new telephone exchanges in West Bengal during the Eighth Five Year Plan Period, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) the draft plan to open new telephone exchanges district–wise during the 8th Five Year Plan period is as under:–

Darjeeling	-	2
Jalpaiguri	-	5
Coochbehar	-	5
Malda	-	3
West Dinajpur	-	2
Murshidabad	-	3
Birbhum	-	2
Howrah, Hooghly, 24 Parganas (North) and (South)	-	15
Midnapore	-	15
Burdwan	-	10
Bankura	-	5
Purulia	-	5
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Asian Development Bank Assistance for Power Projects

3229. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Government propose to set up power projects in the country with Asian Development Bank's assistance;

(b) if so, the details of the power projects proposed to be set up with this assistance,

(c) the amount expected to be obtained from the Bank for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND

NON–CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d). Discussions are regularly held with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for financial and technical assistance for power projects. A list of power projects receiving ADB assistances is given below:

S. No.	Name of Project/ Capacity (MW)	Loan Amount (in US. $)
1.	North Madras Thermal Power Project (3x21 MW)	150
2.	North Madras 2nd Loan	200
3.	Unchahar Thermal Project (2x210 MW)	160
4.	Rayalseema Thormal Project	230

In addition to above, ADB has extended a loan of Us $ 60 million and JPY 7500 million to Power Finance Corporation (PFC) under commercial Complementary Financing Scheme for both North Madras TPS of TNEB and Rayalseema TPS of APSEB.

[*Translation*]

Generation of Electricity through Windmill and Tidal Wave

3231. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) The total megawatts of power being generated in the country through windmil, tidal wave and photo voltaic cell; and

(b) the expenditure being incurred on generation of power per kilo watt power through each of these devices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OFPOWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A total capacity of 42.3 MW has so far been installed in the country for generation of power through wind energy and solar photovoltaic system of verious ratings and for different applications. At present there is no tidal project either under construction or under operation in the country.

(b The average capital cost of wind power project is Rs. 30,000 per KW. The generation cost of solar photovoltaic systems varies from Rs. 8 to 20 per KWh depending upon the location and size of the systems.

Scheme by Air India to Promote Tourism

3232. SHRI GOVIND NIKAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India in collaboration with department of Tourism propose to formulate a scheme to promote tourism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCIN-